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1. THE EMBASSY SHOULD REPLY TO THE GOG ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: WE REGRET THAT IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO ACCEPT GOG SUGGESTION TO HOLD BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS AT GENEVA ON GREECE'S ELIGIBILITY FOR U.S. GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. U.S. DELEGATION FOR CONSULTATIONS ON GSP ELIGIBILITY NECESSARILY WOULD BE COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF AS MANY AS FIVE OR MORE U.S. GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND THUS IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS TO BE HELD OUTSIDE WASHINGTON. THE GOG SUGGESTION OF FEBRUARY 9-11 IS ACCEPTABLE, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOW PREFER THE FOLLOWING WEEK IN ORDER TO HAVE THE FULL US SIDE AVAILABLE.

2. STEPHEN LANDE (ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, STR) WILL BE IN EUROPE DURING THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 9-11 AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH GOG REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS GSP. WHILE LANDE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO FURNISH GOG WITH FORMAL RESPONSE TO GOG PRESENTATION, HE

COULD ELABORATE ON THE THRUST OF USG THINKING REGARDING ACTIONS GOG WOULD HAVE TO TAKE TO QUALIFY FOR GSP. WHILE HE IS PREPARED TO GO TO GENEVA TO MEET WITH GOG OFFICIALS DURING THAT PERIOD, IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO MEET IN PARIS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER FEBRUARY 9-11. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. APPRECIATE MTN DEL OFFER OF MEETING FACILITIES.
SHOULD GOG PREFER TO HOLD INFORMAL MEETING AT GENEVA, LANDE WOULD NEED MEETING ROOM LARGE ENOUGH FOR SIX PERSONS.
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